

**City of Albuquerque
Small Business
Regulatory Advisory Commission**



Chair: Myra Ghattas
Vice Chairman: Tim Nisly

City Legal: Leigh Brunner
Staff: C. Ashley III
D. Lara
M. Mitchell
S. Romero

Commissioners: Matthew Biggs
Kenneth J. Carson
Cailyn Kilcup

February 8, 2022
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
ED Conference Room – 11th Floor Civic Plaza

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AGENDA

I. Approval of minutes – Vice Chair

MOTION to Approve January 25, 2022 Minutes: Chair Carson

SECOND by COMMISSIONER Kilcup

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Additions/deletions to agenda – Chair

- Adding City Update regarding downtown business road closures under Committee Update
- Request to have nine (9) SBRAC Commissioners instead of seven (7)

III. City Update - Monica Mitchell

- Introduction of new Director, Charles Ashley III

IV. Director Introduction – Charles Ashley, III

- How can we encourage more participation with small business sector doing business with the City
- Director supports SBRAC and small businesses
- Legislative Update – Damian Lara
CABQ continuing to monitor and in support of the following:
 - HB – Hydrogen Hub
 - HP 7 Enterprise Fund
 - Battery/Electricity Storage – HP 14
 - Public Projects fund

- Retirement Bills
- Broad Band Bill - HB 55
- SB90 and 103
- Small Business Recovery Loan Fund
 - Fund administered by State – NM Finance Authority.
 - Moving very slowly, City supports getting money out as soon as possible.
- Monitoring changes to cannabis regulation
- Senate Bill to review family and paid time off for medical leave
- SB90 and 103 - Partnership of \$6m with CNM for the Space Valley appropriation
- CABQ opposing - HB 129– Single Sale Factor for C-corps

V. Open Discussion with City Councilors – Chair Ghattas welcomed Councilors and introduced Commissioners and EDD staff.

- **Councilor Grout**
 - Small business owner, family business 1954 automotive shop
 - Would like to bring common sense type leadership
 - Focus is on small business
 - Supportive of SBRAC, let her know how she can help
- **Councilor Bassan**
 - Far NE heights area
 - Family of small business owners
 - Advocate for small business
 - Goals to focus on homelessness, providing services to protect people and businesses
 - Help to sustain and protect small business through loans, grants, support from crime and homelessness
- **Councilor Jones**
 - Small business owner, started first business at 17
 - #1 Goal is homelessness and to clean up Central Avenue
 - Rt 66 is an attraction on Central Avenue
 - Believes it's up to City Council to clean it up, help businesses reopen, work on grant program to rehire people

Chair Ghattas –SBRAC key topics for Commissioners:

- Planning and Zoning challenges for small business
- Vandalism and crime
- Homelessness
- Permitting fees, types – growing more for small businesses
- Support and develop Small Business Office as a resource center to help small businesses how to do business with the City
- City contracts for local businesses
- Cultural shift across City Departments is challenging
- Central closures that are affecting small businesses
 - Shutting down Central from 8pm to 2am, but closer to 6pm to 2am. Negatively impacting businesses on Central because people are not going to visit these businesses.
 - Looking into reason for closures.

- Lack of communication to business owners by City regarding the street closures
- Plastic Bag Ban

ACTION ITEMS:

- Will send to Chair her memo regarding the manufacturing of paper vs. plastic and the scientific studies that area starting to come out regarding the environment.
- Include Councilors on update regarding road closures.
- Chair Biggs to Call Councilor Jones' office to connect.
- Monica will look into report back to SBRAC and Councilors regarding the closures, when, why, who?

VII. Committee Update- Chair

- Monica, shutting streets down from 8pm – 2am from 2nd street to 8th street from Wednesdays through Sundays. Trying to figure out who is doing this, and why?
- Matt Biggs – Heard from other Central businesses
 - Closures are problematic for businesses.
 - Preventing traffic from going downtown, negatively impacts businesses
 - Art Walk is requested to pay to have streets shut down on Fridays only. Review draft
- SBRAC Statement O-22-3- Plastic Bag Ordinance

MOTION TO SUPPORT : Commissioner Nisly

SECOND: Commissioner Kilcup

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS:

- Monica to include Planning and Zoning,
- Permit and Licensing (Business Registration) issues on next agenda.
- Add SBRAC list of priorities to future agendas.
- Adding additional commissioners to next agenda.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Monica to send email to Commission regarding statute received from Ethan.
- Tim Nisly – Will send SBRAC legislative process to change Ordinance.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Ghattas

SECOND: Commissioner Carson

ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 11:05am

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